

Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development Statement

Whereas, the borrowIT CT (formerly known as Connecticard) program has operated successfully for over four decades, and

Whereas, borrowIT CT accounts for 3.9million items loaned annually, and

Whereas, borrowIT CT accounts for 15% of a all public library circulation statewide, and

Whereas, borrowIT CT represents a **return on investment** value of over \$58 million dollars each year to the people of Connecticut each year, and

Whereas, borrowIT CT provides access to all Connecticut residents to the holding of all locally supported public libraries, and

The Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development (ACLPD) recommends to the State Legislature that borrowIT CT be funded in the amount of \$806,000 **each year of the FY 2018-2019 Budget, and**

Further recommends that all public libraries end participation in borrowIT CT if funding is eliminated as is currently the case in the proposed state budget.